

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 53 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 09/747,066, filed December 21, 2000, which is the parent of this Divisional application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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